



Hatzilu engages the Jewish community in the fight against poverty by providing food, financial, social work intervention and assistance, and emotional support to Jewish persons and families in need in the Nassau County area.

## DO THE TZEDAKAH THING — RABBI PERRY RAPHAEL RANK

There are two ways to appeal to God on behalf of the poor. One way is to pray, in which case we hope that our heartfelt sentiments impact on God. The other way is to purchase groceries and deliver them to those in need, in which case our hands and feet and wallets all collaborate to bring God directly to the person in need. That's like a prayer answered, answered immediately and precisely as we would hope it would be answered. Nothing can be more satisfying than witnessing the grateful response of an individual or family that has been touched by the goodness of God's giving hands, through our own. Hatzilu is God's hands, and we deliver God's blessings on a routine basis.

When it comes to translating the Jewish concept of *tzedakah*, we often talk about giving charity. And in a very authentic and loving Jewish spirit, let me tell you that this translation is both correct and incorrect. It is correct because charity is giving provisions to the needy and *tzedakah* is also giving provisions to the needy. But the translation is incorrect in a rather subtle and nuanced way. Charity comes from the Latin word *caritas* meaning affection or love. It is easy to see how charity or *tzedakah* could be understood as a loving act. But *tzedakah* comes from the Hebrew word *tzedek*, which means righteousness or justice. It is a sad but true reality—the world is full of inequity and injustice. And those of us who have must never dissociate ourselves from those who have not. We have a special connection to them. We are their life line. And so we give *tzedakah* not out of love or affection necessarily (even though that would be nice), but out of a deep-seated belief that we must partner with God in correcting the injustices of the world. We all, like Hatzilu itself, must play the role of God's hands in helping those in need.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR — ELISSA FRIEDMAN

On June 4, 2011 my son Jake became a Bar Mitzvah. Last April Jake joined me on the Passover Food Delivery sponsored by the Shomrim Society. He decided to make Hatzilu the beneficiary of his fundraising efforts. Jake explains this in his own words in his D'var Torah. He says "I made plans to do part of my Mitzvah project on Sunday April 10th. This was the second year in a row I volunteered with the Hatzilu Rescue Organization to make Passover packages and deliver them to needy families. About two weeks before, my soccer team won our Cup game and I found out the game was going to be on April 10th, but didn't know what time. I knew right away that if faced with the decision of playing the game I love or fulfilling the commitment I made to volunteer I would miss the game, I didn't give it a second thought. I never think twice about where dinner is coming from and my friends don't think about it either, but 110,000 kids rely on groups like Hatzilu. I held a bake sale at Temple Chaverim and I am proud to say I raised \$450 for this important cause."

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JOE SKLAR

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I answered this ad in 1978 after I heard a speech by Al Cohen, who was then president of Hatzilu Rescue Organization. I was moved by what he said about impoverished elderly Jews who lived close to us and needed help. I have been working with Hatzilu ever since. I find it fulfilling to give back for all the good things that I have in my life that I usually take for granted. When I celebrated Passover and said "Let all who are hungry come in and eat," I knew that by delivering packages of kosher for Passover food I had made that possible. I know that both my financial contribution to Hatzilu and the hours that I put in as a volunteer help to make life a little easier for people who have a very hard life.

ver food I had made that possible. I know that both my financial contribution to Hatzilu and the hours that I put in as a volunteer help to make life a little easier for people who have a very hard life.

If you would like to do some good in this world answer the above ad. The Hatzilu Rescue Organization needs volunteers to serve on committees, deliver food, act as volunteer social workers, and do clerical work. Join us. Answer the ad.

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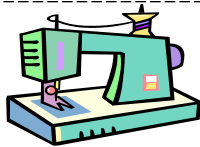
## WHY I VOLUNTEER

CAROLYN DINOFSKY

This summer will be two years since I joined the Hatzilu Social Welfare Committee. I had the benefit of being mentored by Ann Goldberg, chair of this committee, who accompanied me to a family that became my first clients, a family of four in desperate need of financial assistance and employment. While a member of the family continues to face a chronic debilitating condition, the family has been stabilized through the efforts of Hatzilu.

Why do I continue to be an active Hatzilu provider? Being able to improve the quality of life for individuals and families who might otherwise have been subjected to total despair is a very personal intrinsic reward. "As you sow, so shall you reap!"

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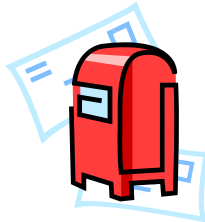
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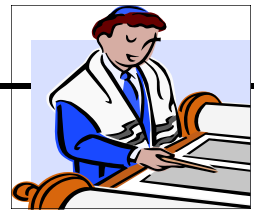
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on one of your volunteers. He is  
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always makes an effort to meet my  
dietary needs. He is a GEM. He is a  
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Mazel Tov to  
Jake Tyler Friedman  
on becoming a  
Bar Mitzvah  
and on the successful  
completion of his  
Hatzilu  
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We thank all who  
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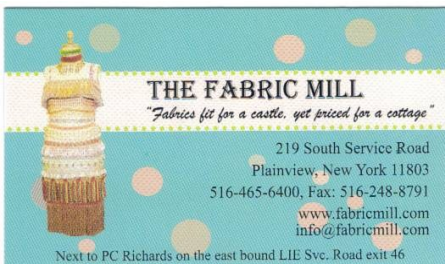


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